PILULARIA.

Lin. Gen. Plan. 1183.

PILULARIA globulifera.

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TAB. XL.

PEPPER GRASS.

WHAT has been called the root in this plant, may perhaps not improperly be termed the firſt leaf, or main ſtem of the plant. It creeps on the ſurface of the ground, in various winding directions, is of a browniſh-green colour, having knots or joints at diſtances.

At each knot of the creeping ſtem, the roots, conſiſting of three or four ſtrong white fibres, run down into the moiſt ſand, among which it grows; and at the ſame knots or joints, on the upper ſide of the ſtem, the ſecond leaves are produced, two or three together. While young they are coiled up in a cloſe curl, like moſt other of the ferns; when full grown they are about three inches long of a freſh green colour; each one